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ABSTRACT

Over the last 30 years, educational anthropologists have been exploring the organizational structure of schools and their relationship to society in order to shed light on the complex processes of acquisition, organization, and transmission of cultural knowledge. This volume covers the need to provide a field-based, well-documented cultural environment for the many groups of children who face cultural conflict. It is divided into three parts. Part I, "Ethnographic Trends and the Politics of the Educational Process," comprises the following chapters: (1) "'Problem Finding' in Qualitative Research" (Harry F. Wolcott); (2) "National Politics and Local Responses: The Nation's First Successful School Desegregation Court Case" (Robert R. Alvarez); and (3) "Cultural Transmission and Adaptation in the Political Arena: Hispanic Participation in Bilingual Education Policy Making" (Richard A. Navarro). Part II, "Socialization of Young Children to School: Transmission of Cultural Values across Cultures," comprises the following chapters: (4) "Children in American and Japanese Day-Care Centers: Ethnography and Reflective Cross-Cultural Interviewing" (Mariko Fujita, Toshiyuki Sano); (5) "Iman Chay?: Quechua Children in Peru's Schools" (Nancy H. Hornberger); (6) "Effects of Southeast Asian Refugees on Schools and School Districts" (Christine Robinson Finnan); and (7) "Cooperation and Conflict between Parents and Teachers: A Comparative Study of Three Elementary Schools" (Richard L. Warren). Part III, "Socialization of Young Adults: Cultural Conflicts Across Cultures," comprises the following chapters: (8) "Cross-Cultural Adaptation and Learning: Iranians and Americans at School" (Diane M. Hoffman); (9) "The Winter of Their Discontent: Cultural Compression and Decompression in the Life Cycle of the Kibbutz Adolescent" (Steven Borish); and (10) "Peer Socialization among Minority Students: A High School Dropout Prevention Program" (Henry T. Trueba). The book includes six tables, two figures, a selected bibliography, and an index. (AF)